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O. A. R. B. C.
Annual Conference
To Meet Here
Oct. 14-16, 1968



On the front cover . . .

is a picture of the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church in Euclid (Cleveland). It is here we will gather for our Annual OARBC Conference. We are expecting a great crowd . . . great messages . . . and great blessing. Plan to attend!



Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Rooke

Host Pastor for our Annual OARBC Conference this year is Dr. Wilbur C. Rooke, Pastor of the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, 18901 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O.

Only recently, on May 24, 1968, Brother Rooke had conferred on him by the Immanuel College of Atlanta, Georgia, the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He was also honored by a reception at his church following the evening service on Sunday, July 7, 1968, in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination to the Gospel ministry.

During these thirty years, Brother Rooke has served in Hapeville, Georgia; Belvidere, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa; Charleston, W. Va.; Gary, Indiana; Bay City, Michigan and is at present pastoring the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church in Euclid, Ohio.

Pastor Rooke has been a member of the Council of Fourteen (GARBC) (He was Secretary of this Council for 8 years); and has served or at present is serving on the Boards of Cedarville College; Grand Rapids Baptist Christian School, Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland Hebrew Mission; and on the Council of Baptist Bible Institute, Cleveland, Ohio.

He has made at least five trips to Europe, three to the Holy Land and one to South America."

Elsewhere in the pages of this issue is an "open letter" to all "O.A.R.B.'ers" inviting them to the Annual Meeting — October 14-16. Dr. Rooke and his people are doing all they can to make YOUR stay at Euclid-Nottingham a very happy one. Be sure to read his letter for full instructions regarding directions to the church and housing while there.

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A Letter of Invitation

August 12, 1968

Dear O.A.R.B.'ers:

We are really looking forward towards the Annual Meeting which is to be held in our church October 14-16.

Let us all attempt to make this a great experience in our church life, and one way of reserving it is right now blocking out those dates. Preacher friends, DON'T schedule special meetings, etc. for that week.

We are doing all we can to get rooms for you in the homes of members of the Cleveland area churches and we will have to take any of you on the basis of first come, first served. If you desire overnight lodging for one or more nights, please notify our reservation chairman, Mrs. Sally Budinsky, 18901 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio 44119. When you write, indicate the type of accommodations necessary and we will do our utmost to fulfill your request.

Here is a list of the motels in our area with their approximate prices. If you desire this type of accommodations, write to them directly. No. 5 and 6 are just fair places — clean, but not fancy.

1. Howard Johnson, 27861 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44132 — (216) 731-2400
2 double beds — \$18.00 — 2 single beds — \$14.00
2. Charter House, 24800 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44117 — (216) 261-0300
double bed — \$12.00 twin beds — \$15.00
3. Holiday Inn, 27981 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44132 — (216) 731-5800
\$16.50 per person + \$3.00 for each other person
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Pray much and by all means load up the car and come-a-running.

Cordially,

Wilbur C. Rooke

WCR:lc

DIRECTIONS TO Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church

The best approach to Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church from either South, East or West is to come in on I-90 to East 185th Street. Exit here and go North to Lake Shore Blvd., turn right to the next traffic light which is 189th Street, and then turn left, parking is available across the street from the church.

PLAN ON ATTENDING!

Who Should Be The Next U.S. President?

by William Ward Ayer

Among the many voices raised for vital faith in these days of deep crises for America and the world, few are clearer, more insistent and dynamically prophetic than that of Dr. William Ward Ayer, well known evangelist, broadcaster and author.

For thirty-six years he pastored important Baptist Churches in Illinois, Indiana, Ontario (Canada) and New York City. His best known ministry was a 14-year pastorate at the internationally known Calvary Baptist Church of New York City.

His widely heard 40-year radio ministry, which now originates in New York City, is called MARCHING TRUTH and is released through stations over the country.

Dr. Ayer carries on an evangelistic and Bible teaching ministry in many churches throughout the land. He has conducted three

European preaching tours and one Central and South American evangelistic foray.

During the latter days of his New York pastorate a radio poll voted Dr. Ayer to be one of New York's most influential citizens.

He has had a dozen or more books published, along with scores of brochures and hundreds of pamphlets.

It was partly under the ministry of Dr. Ayer, during his ministry in Gary, Indiana, that your O.I.B. editor was guided into the field of Christian service.

This article seems very timely as we approach the coming election this November. It first appeared in the July-August '68 issue of "MARCHING TRUTH," P.O. Box 10307, St. Petersburg, Florida - 33733 and is used here with Dr. Ayer's permission.

In the midst of the world's turmoil America faces another Presidential Election in a period unlike any other in our history. The Asiatic war has split our nation into quarrelling camps. Treachery and subversion are operative at home while our boys die in Vietnam on "the jungle road to nowhere." Marchings, burnings, sit-ins have a Communist finger on the push button of all of them. City streets sizzle with crime, a condition which will be the main issue of election debate.

One candidate died at the hands of an assassin and the nation mourns. The other candidates are guarded by a small army of Secret Service agents. Raw socialism, with calls for continued and increased governmental direction and control of everything and everybody is the program of two, and strong internationalism of one kind or another seems to be the program of two others. A third, while controversial, speaks basic truth, but radical negroes, communists, and anarchists break up his meetings. In an hour like this we ask, who can be elected, who should be elected, who will be elected? What should the next President be like?

HE MUST BE PHOTOGENIC, for his main contact with the people is through television. An ugly or non-descript man, no matter how smart, stands little chance. Abraham Lincoln would never be considered today, nor would George Washington with his face-distorting wooden false teeth.

HE MUST BE COMPROMISING. It is a sad weakness of our election system that pressure groups must be promised everything. Negroes should be promised unlimited assistance. The Jewish vote in the big cities can be caught with strong promises to help establish Israel. Catholics and Protestants have their own demands, and

so do liberals and conservatives. Even the long-abused American Indians are listened to today.

Washington, our first President, was a stalwart man who knew his Bible well enough to say that without God no nation could prosper. "Reason and experience forbid that national morality can be maintained without religion." America should know that by now. In his First Inaugural, our First President prayed: "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection." Can we today elect a similarly godly man?

Certainly we must have a godly, sincere, honest capable man to lead this nation in the days ahead, as we stagger and reel in the intoxication of lawlessness and sin. With the wrong leadership we could fall and perish in oblivion. All the politicians say we need a "forward looking" man. True, but if our God-blessed Republic is to continue, he had better do some backward looking. Long ago the prophet Jeremiah told God's ancient and backsliding people (Jer. 6:16):



Dr. William Ward Ayer

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Moses For President!

Let me recommend a Bible type of the man America needs; he is the most influential human that ever lived. His name is Moses. He stands head and shoulders above every other human; looming large as the centuries move away from him. Moses dominates the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. His writings undergird all law and morals, and somewhere in the universe Moses is alive today, for though he died on Nebo's lonely mountain, God must have resuscitated him, because he appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration with another man Elijah who is still alive in his earthly body. These two talked with the transfigured Christ while three disciples looked on in amazement.

If we could find a man like Moses in this presidential election year there would be hope for us because like Moses he would be:

I. The Product of the Influence of a Godly and Courageous Mother.

Moses' story begins in the second chapter of Exodus, and tells of a determined mother. What can compare with her battle against Egypt? Think of that ark of bulrushes — the world's destiny rested there!

Moses' mother pitted her motherhood against the power of the Egyptian Pharaohs, and won. They had decreed that all male Jewish babies should be slain, but Moses' mother made up her mind that her boy should live. So she wrapped him in linen, placed him in the little waterproof cradle of bulrushes, set him afloat, and prayed that the angels

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An Interesting Program

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES October 14-16, 1968 P R O G R A M

Chairman Rev. Ben Jennings
Music Chairman Don Kruger
Song Leader Bob Anthony

Monday Afternoon, October 14

3:00 p.m. Open Rally
Song Service & Special Music
Welcome Host Pastor
Message Dean Henry
7:15 p.m. Song Service & Special Music
Presentation of New Churches
State Work Earl Umbaugh
15 min.
Message Dr. Carl Elgena
New York City

Tuesday Morning, October 15

9:30 a.m. Devotional Clifford Boessel
10:15 a.m. Association Hour
New Pastors Earl Umbaugh
11:00 a.m. Brazil, A.B.W.E. Donald Hare

Tuesday Afternoon, October 15

1:30 p.m. Ladies' Missionary Meeting
"Operation Outreach — Personal or
Professional" Men's Forum
3:45 p.m. Message Robert Barrett
7:15 p.m. Song Service & Special Music
Ohio Youth Camps (15 min.)
Right Hand of Fellowship to New Churches
Message Dr. Carl Elgena

Wednesday Morning, October 16

9:30 a.m. Devotional William Broughton
10:15 a.m. Association Hour
11:00 a.m. Message David Lunney
11:45 a.m. Pastors Wives' Luncheon

Wednesday Afternoon, October 16

1:30 p.m. Educational Hour
2:45 p.m. Message John Wood
3:30 p.m. Association Hr.—Youth Committee Report
7:15 p.m. Song Service & Special Music
State Youth Committee (15 min.)
Introduction of New Council
Message Dr. Carl Elgena

His Messages Will Challenge You!



Guest speaker at our OARBC Conference this year is to be Dr. Carl E. Elgena. He will be speaking at each evening service.

Presently, he is pastoring the Bethel Baptist Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He has served as Vice-President of Baptist Bible Seminary in Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania and has been a pastor for over 25 years, having served in Pennsylvania, New York and Iowa. While in Des Moines, Iowa, he led the church in erecting a new sanctuary and education building costing \$650,000. Over 800 new members were added to the church in his nine years of ministry, and the budget increased from \$60,000 to \$140,000. The church now has over 1200 members and a Sunday School attendance of over 1,100.

Brother Elgena is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary and received his honorary degree from the Los Angeles Baptist College and Theological Seminary.

He is an excellent preacher and hearts indeed will be blessed through his messages delivered at the Conference.

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Assumes Duties At Kent Church



Mr. David Bryant assumed the pastoral duties of Grace Baptist Church of Kent on July 28. A 1967 *magna cum laude* graduate of Malone College, majoring in religion, minoring in Greek and Bible, Mr. Bryant has just received his Master of Arts degree in Religious Literature from Wheaton College Graduate School of Theology.

Both the church and Mr. Bryant are especially interested in the student body of Kent State University. The new building on the northern boundry of the campus, soon to be completed for the second time, should facilitate this work among both students and area residents of all races. Approximately 2500 dollars in special gifts has been received by the church from interested friends responding to the news of the fire in December that completely destroyed the new structure only one month from occupancy.

A.C.C.C. to Meet October 23-25

"Our Anchor of Hope in the Midst of Crisis" is the theme for the American Council of Christian Churches' Fall Convention this year. Meetings are to be held in the George Washington Convention Hall, Willow Grove Interchange, Penna. Turnpike, Exit 27, Willow Grove, Penna. The dates of the Convention are Oct. 23-25.

A splendid array of speakers has been arranged including Dr. Paul Jackson, Dr. Arthur Woolsey, Dr. Raymond Hamilton, Dr. John Millheim, Dr. Paul Tassel, Rev. James Shaw, Mr. John Stormer, Rev. Bernard Bancroft (all from GARB churches) and others.

In these last days with the apostasy about us, we would do well to attend such a Convention as this!

Veteran Missionaries Move to Ohio

Veteran missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred P. Conant, hope to be able to return to their work in the Philippines by early '69. There is one problem, namely, they are lacking in support. In order to have clearance to make the trip, they must yet realize a sum of \$200 per month toward monthly support.

The Conants are now residing in Medina, Ohio and are available for speaking engagements in our OARB churches. Brother Al is a most interesting speaker drawing from years of experience in the Islands. If you would like him to speak at your church, he can be contacted by writing him in care of Rev. Kenneth Smelser, First Baptist Church, 123 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio — 44256.

They will be residing in Medina through the month of December.

L.A.B.C. Reports

The following appointments have been made for the fall semester: Rev. Paul Benware as Dean of Students; Mr. Melvin Macomber as Dean of Men; Miss Harriet Ishii as Dean of Women.

We have 124 applicants for the college, and 14 for the seminary — giving a total of 138 prospective students for the fall semester.

A fifteen minute fully narrated colored-slide presentation is now available for church groups. It depicts life and times at Los Angeles Baptist College. If your church is interested in using this presentation, contact the Public Relations Department at LABC.

Now Ministering At Trinity, Lorain



A new pastor has been called to minister at the Trinity Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. He is the Rev. Vern L. Prugh.

Brother Prugh has attended both Moody and Wheaton. He graduated, however, from Gordon College in Boston. He received further training at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia. For several years, he pastored an American Baptist Convention church. It was during this time that the Lord graciously opened his eyes! Guided by the Lord, he left the Convention and went on to establish a sound testimony.

Rev. and Mrs. Prugh have served as missionaries under the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions since 1954 ministering in both Iowa and Indiana. God richly blessed their ministry.

The Prughs have four children, Jim — age 21 (now serving with the U. S. Navy), Judy — 16, — John — 15 and Jane — 11. Their oldest son spent three years at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College.

Pastors' Conference at Cedarville

The 1st Annual Pastors' Conference was held September 9-12 on Cedarville College's campus. It was offered free of all charges to interested pastors because of their support of the College over the years.

Total registration reached 142. Ohio led the delegations with 77 representatives. The remaining distribution was: Indiana (20); Illinois (11); New York (9); Michigan and Pennsylvania (8); Iowa (3); New Jersey (2); and West Virginia, Kentucky, Connecticut, Brazil (1).

The featured speaker was DR. KENNETH MASTELLER, pastor of the Haddon Heights Baptist Church. (New Jersey) His messages were entitled: "Submerged Axeheads or Be Careful With Your Tools;" "The Pastor and His Pulpit Ministry;" "The Pastor and His People;" "The Pastor and His Youth Program;" "The Pastor and His Evangelistic Outreach;" and "The Pastor and His Missionary Vision." Dr. Masteller is an honorary alumnus of Cedarville College.

Four workshops were conducted by competent authorities on relevant issues. These included such subjects as — "Church Work Expansion" — "Contemporary Theology" — "Communicating Christ" — and "The Tongues Movement."

Cedarville College Continues to Grow . . . and GROW!

Fall quarter enrollment at Cedarville College this year is expected to be the largest in the history of the school. A total of 900 students are anticipated. Of this number, approximately 525 will be continuing students.

Seven new faculty members are joining the College family this Fall. Five of these are Cedarville College alumni. Miss Sharon Boylan will become Instructor in foreign languages. Miss Irma Dodson will serve as Assistant Professor in elementary education.

Mr. Dwayne I. Frank ('60) is to be Assistant Professor in secondary education. Mr. Lawrence N. Killian ('64) will be Assistant Professor of biology.

Mr. Ronald M. Grosh ('67) is to be Instructor in English and Mr. James R. Phipps ('68) will join the Speech Department as a teaching fellow. Mr. Stephen P. Brown ('67) has already assumed responsibility as Assistant Librarian.

New Pastor At Calvary, Xenia



The Calvary Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio has called as their new pastor, Mr. Clint Edward Peterson.

Brother Peterson is a native of Winamac, Indiana. He graduated from high school in Monterey, Indiana. His Bible training was received at the Trinity College in Dunedin, Florida having graduated from there only recently.

Mr. Peterson and his wife, Althea, began their ministry in Xenia on August 18th.

The Inevitable Result of Accepting Government Aid

The following quotations are taken from an article published in the Parkersburg News of Parkersburg, West Virginia. They point out the danger that church-related schools face when they accept government assistance.

"Thursday, June 13, 1968 — Dr. J. M. Powell, president of Ohio Valley College here, disclosed last night that the U. S. Government has advised the college that it can no longer use its new auditorium for chapel services, or even for Bible classes, because the auditorium was financed in part by a federal grant.

'We've been instructed not to use the chapel anymore for either chapel or the Bible classes, Powell commented. 'As I understand it, under the interpretation, we're not even permitted to say a prayer or mention God in that auditorium!' Powell said, 'We have two alternatives. Either we must raise \$76,000 the federal government demands before they'll release the building for our use for any purpose we want to use it for, even for such a terrible purpose — in the eyes of the federal government — as worshipping God or recognizing His existence, or we must raise enough money to build a new chapel building by September.'

Powell said he conferred by phone yesterday with a Dr. Snowberger, of the U. S. Office of Education. 'I told him that it is our intention, if we can raise the money, to repay the government, and that we hope to be able to do this before our fall term starts, so that we can use the

auditorium for the purpose for which it was intended.'

'I also mentioned to Dr. Snowberger,' Powell said, "that there is the possibility that we may not be able to raise the entire \$76,000 before Sept., and I asked him if we could get an extension of time for a few weeks, or even for a few days, in repaying the money. Dr. Snowberger said he couldn't even give us one extra day! He told me that we would be violating the law if on just one day we had a prayer in that building. Apparently that is the conclusion that has been reached in Washington!'

'As I understand the federal government's present position,' Powell commented, 'it would be perfectly permissible, in the eyes of the government, to teach evolution, Communism, anarchy, civil disobedience or any of those things in the auditorium. But we mustn't mention God'

We praise the Lord that none of the schools approved by the GARBC have accepted government assistance. However, we must realize that if they are to provide scholastic training on a high spiritual and academic level, under current economic conditions, they must have substantial financial support from our churches. If our churches fail to increase support, the schools will have to look for funds. The temptation then becomes increasingly strong to look toward the "easy money" that is available through government assistance. Every church of our fellowship should have at least one of our approved schools on its missionary budget.

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Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don



What about going steady?

Dear Teen Talk:

What age should boys and girls go together?

Signed,
12 AND LOOKING

Dear 12 And Looking:

It depends a great deal on the maturity of the person but one thing is sure, 12 years old is too young.

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Dear Teen Talk:

How old do you have to be to go steady?

Signed,
READY

Dear Ready:

You are? What is the reason for wanting to go steady? Availability for dates, constant company, or a real love for someone? I don't think really going steady should enter the picture until late High School days. In Junior High, and even elementary, it is fun and convenient to use the word steady, but it is best to stay away from this kind of involvement.

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Dear Teen Talk:

How serious should a boy or girl, 14 or 15, get with a boy friend or girl friend?

Signed,
DATER

Dear Dater:

NOT VERY!! Let's really thing it through. You have three or four years of dating time in High School, plus four years in College — a possible total of seven or eight years to find the right one. Some couples that go together all that time feel robbed after they have been married awhile . . . so play it cool, you have lots of time.

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Wondering? Bewildered? Need Advice? Well . . . then . . . send your letters, questions and comments to TEEN TALK, 23096 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio — 44145.

Called to Serve At New Lyme

A new pastor was called recently to the New Lyme Baptist Church. He is Rev. Donald Glidden.

Brother Glidden studied first at the Greensburg Bible Institute. Later, he transferred to Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. He graduated from both of these schools.

For a period of five years, he pastored the La Rue Baptist Church in La Rue, Ohio. This was just prior to his coming to the church at New Lyme, Ohio.

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Youth for Truth

The Youth for Truth Rallies sponsored by the Xenia Area Pastors' Fellowship, under the direction of Mr. Ken Nichols, Youth Director of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio has been experiencing rich blessing.

The Saturday night services are well attended. Outstanding speakers have been used to challenge the youth. The primary purpose of the rallies is to reach "teens" for Christ and to stimulate and challenge Christian young people.

Among other speakers for the coming months the following have been engaged; Dr. John Balyo, Dr. James T. Jeremiah and Coach Don Callan of Cedarville College.

Anyone interested in receiving the monthly mailing concerning these rallies may do so by writing to: Mr. Ken Nichols, 315 S. Kensington Place, Springfield, Ohio.

W.B.B.C. News

A total of 400 students are now enrolled at the Western Baptist Bible College.

During the past summer months, groups and individuals representing W.B.B.C. travelled far and wide. The Lord greatly blessed!

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David Warren Serving in Warren

Rev. W. David Warren recently accepted a call to pastor the Champion Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio.

This dear brother came to know Christ during his Junior High days. Alone in his bedroom, he opened his heart to the Saviour. Following graduation from High School, he attended Cedarville College where he majored in Bible and minored in Greek. Upon graduating from Cedarville he studied at Dallas Theological Seminary graduating from there in the Spring of this year.

Mrs. Warren also was a student at Cedarville College. The Warrens have two little girls — Janice Lynn and Cheryl Nadie.

Groundbreaking Services

A special, called meeting for the purpose of voting to build a new edifice, the members of Huntsburg Baptist Church decided to launch out for the cause of Christ, July 21, 1968. On July 22nd, the present church building, which has been used on the present site, for the past 10-25 years was struck by lightning, and quite a bit of fire damage was done. It was temporarily repaired for use until services can be held in the new edifice.

They were happy to have groundbreaking services on August 4th, dedicating themselves, trusting that soon they can dedicate a building to God. This was held outside near the present church, with prayers, special music, and an address by Brother George Milner of Cleveland who urged those gathered to concentrate on the youth.

Turning the first spadefuls of dirt were the three oldest members of the congregation, Martin Domokos, Mike Szabo, and Roscoe Scott.

The plans submitted and contracted by Godly and Associates call for a sanctuary to seat 350, with a Sunday School plant housing 22 classrooms.

to Speak in Ohio

GARBC Representatives will be speaking in Ohio during the month of October. Dr. Paul Jackson will be ministering at the Highview Ave. Baptist Church, 1822 Highview Ave., Akron, Ohio — October 27-30. Dr. L. Matthews is to be at the Grace Baptist Church, Urbana, Ohio — October 27 through Nov. 1.

Washington Hts. Church Calls Lawrence Fetzer

The Washington Heights Baptist Church recently called the Rev. Lawrence G. Fetzer to serve as their pastor. Brother Fetzer began his ministry in the Dayton, Ohio Church on August 1st, 1968.

Brother Fetzer grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and at one time was a member of the old Hough Avenue Baptist Church. (now known as Cedar Hill Baptist Church).

He received his education at The Kings College, graduating with a BA degree in 1957. He continued his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary gaining his Th.M. degree in 1962.

He has been serving as Youth Director and Director of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church, Hackensack, New Jersey. Dr. Joseph M. Stowell is pastor of this church. Brother Fetzer was there from 1962 to 1968.

Mrs. Patricia Fetzer is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary — class of '56.

The Fetzers have two children. They are Karl, age 6 and Laura age 2.

Harry E. Cole Now at Gallipolis



Harry E. Cole has been called by the First Baptist Church of Gallipolis to be their Associate Pastor to Rev. Joseph C. Chapman. Brother Cole leaves Indiana after serving almost four years as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of LaPaz. Before he was called to the church in LaPaz, Pastor Cole served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Coshocton for six years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cole are graduates of Moody Bible Institute and also attended the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. He has served churches in Illinois, Ohio, New York and Indiana before coming to his present field of labor.

Rev. and Mrs. Cole have three children: Kenneth, a junior at Cedarville; David, a high school sophomore and Judy, who is now entering junior high in Gallipolis.

Brother Cole has been active in both our G.A.R.B.C. and A.C.C.C. fellowship in every state in which he has served. He continues to have interest in our youth camps and was elected to serve on the board of the Baptist Children's Home in Kouts, Indiana.

The Coles are looking forward to a profitable ministry in Gallipolis as they co-labor with the Chapmans and the wonderful congregation of the First Baptist Church.



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Emmanuel of Toledo Enlarges Staff

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo has added to its full time staff, Mr. David Carder. He will serve as Minister of Youth. Brother Carder is from Kansas City, Kansas. He earned a B. A. degree from Calvary Bible College (1967) in the field of Christian Education. Presently he is completing his thesis for the Master of Arts degree in Biblical Literature.

His ministry at Emmanuel will include the coordinating of all youth activities of the church. A full program is planned for the social and spiritual needs of today's young people.

Ernest Bloom Ministering in Akron

Rev. Ernest Bloom recently took over the work of pastoring the First Baptist Church of Green Township in Akron, Ohio.

Brother Bloom is a graduate of Bob Jones University. He has pastored in Peoria, Illinois and Richwood, Ohio.

The Lord is blessing in their work in the Akron church. Several have been saved and added to the church.

Gary Moosey Ordained to the Ministry

An Examining Council including some 18 pastors recently met at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church to consider Mr. Gary W. Moosey being ordained for the ministry.

The Council after a thorough examination voted unanimously for the church to proceed with Brother Mooney's ordination. The Ordination Service was held at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church on September 8th.

Another Church Recognized

A Recognition Council of 22 members from ten Regular Baptist Churches examined the Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio on Monday, September 16, 1968, and unanimously recognized this body as a Regular and Independent Baptist Church.

Signed . . . Rev. Kenneth Andrus,
Clerk of the Council

Arthur Christmann Accepts Call to Avon



The new pastor at the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, Ohio is Rev. Arthur W. Christmann. He began his ministry there on August 20th.

The Christmanns come to Ohio after being in Brazil the last fourteen years as missionaries under the Assoc. of Baptists for World Evangelism. During their time in Brazil, they started a work in the town of Areia Branca which today has a strong Brazilian church. They also opened the way for the ABWE in Recife, the third largest city in Brazil. Because of health problems, it became necessary for them to remain here in the States.

Brother Christmann is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute. For awhile he served as State Director of the Rural Bible Crusade work in South Dakota. He has held two previous pastorates — one in South Dakota and the other in New York.

Among the church members at Avon, there seems to be a unity and determination to serve the Lord.

Lima Church Calls Willard Gentry

The newly called pastor to the Northside Baptist Church of Lima, Ohio is Mr. Willard T. Gentry.

This dear brother and his wife were both led to the Lord by Rev. Ben C. Jennings, Chairman of our Council of Ten for the OARBC.

For awhile Mr. Gentry attended Kent State University, but sensing the calling of the Lord into Christian service, he transferred to the Akron Bible Institute. He graduated from there in May of this year. This work in Lima is his first pastorate. He began there in the month of June.

The Gentrys have two children — Jim, age 8 and Cathy, age 5.

Break Ground For New Annex

Members and friends of the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford gathered recently to break ground for a \$100,000 annex to be added to their present building. Construction has already begun. It is hoped that it will be completed by the end of this year.

The new facility will increase the seating capacity of the main auditorium, provide new nursery facilities and six new class rooms. A new church office and study for the pastor will be located on the second floor.

At the special "Groundbreaking Service," the choir sang "Lengthen the Cords and Strengthen the Stakes." Each trustee shared appropriate Scripture passages as he held the groundbreaking shovel.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Garrison Rice, received the shovel from Neile Winchester, broke ground with these remarks: "To reach more people with the Gospel of God's redeeming grace, both at home and abroad, to teach more people the great doctrines of the Word of God and serve people in our community we turn over this first spade of earth. This is an historic milestone in the witness of the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford."

Salem Church Exchanges Property

Rev. Kenneth N. Mack, Missionary Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Salem, Ohio has informed us of a major step taken by his people.

They have signed an agreement with a church south of Salem for an exchange of properties. They have secured an attractive building, 36x70, well landscaped, seating over 200 and located in a growing section of new homes. The church and seven room parsonage is costing them an additional \$22,500 in the exchange.

They have already secured an approval from Church Buildings Committee to borrow \$24,500 which to be paid out as fast as they can secure investments.

There is need for Christians to invest in this work. These dear folks are not asking for gifts — although they could use them — but rather they are asking YOU to make investments which are interest-bearing loans.

Interested parties should write to Rev. Kenneth N. Mack, 673 East Third Street Salem, Ohio — 44460

Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. George Milner — Women's Editor—

No Darkness At All

The span of daylight has diminished considerably and by October the number of daylight hours are fewer for the month. Hurry, hurry is the pace; and with the dangers of being in the street at night, some of our activity is curtailed. Darkness is frightening at times, but praise the Lord for the assurance in His Word. Spiritually we who know the Lord need never be in darkness, "This then is the message which we have heard of Him and declare unto you, that *GOD IS LIGHT AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL*. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: BUT IF we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL unrighteousness." (I John 1:5-7)

Light scatters the darkness and confusion, cuts the tension, helps us to see. Light enables us to walk with confidence, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:130) As bread, meat and water are digested to become blood, sinew, muscle, nerves, flesh, skin, bone etc.; so the Word becomes Spiritual Life, blood, muscle, marrow, bone etc. — complete spiritual structure. So our

God who made us, Jesus Christ our Saviour, the Holy Spirit who indwells us, become more real, dearer than all to us each day in sunshine and in the shadows. Go ahead, sing the Doxology! Worthy is our Saviour and we feel better with hearts and lips of praise and thanksgiving.

Concerning Christmas Cards

Let us remember that Christmas is celebrated because of Jesus' birth! May we use this time as a witness to the unsaved and a testimony of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Buy your Christmas cards or design them with HIM in mind and a prayer in your heart.

Cedarville College Women's Fellowship

We note from the Alumni News that during Homecoming October 18th-19th, the Women's Fellowship (which invites any and all women) will hold their meeting on Friday morning, October 18th, at 10:00 a.m. This always affords a good program with students and many others taking part. The luncheon is by reservation so watch for further details. Please remember Cedarville welcomes your Betty Crocker Coupons also T. V. (Top Value) and S&H trading stamps. Bring them when you come for Homecoming.

Annual Meeting of Ohio Women's Missionary Union

By now everything is in full swing in our churches; Sunday School Rallies, Women's Society meetings, Class meetings, BUT also our Annual Meeting of the Ohio Women's Missionary Union. This meeting will be held during the Ohio Association Annual Meeting convening in the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, 18901 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid (Cleveland) Ohio — 44119, October 14-16, with day and evening sessions. **THE WOMEN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH, OCTOBER 15th, from 1 o'clock until 3:30 p.m.**

Please do your very best to bring a good DIME OFFERING. WE NEED DIMES, DIMES AND MORE DIMES to adequately care for the State Projects which include Camp Patmos, Scioto Hills Camp, Cedarville College, our State Missionary and the O.I.B. Magazine.

The program will be well worthwhile as Mrs. Karl Luyben, veteran missionary of 22 years in Liberia with Baptist Mid-Missions is the speaker. The last 10 years on the field were spent in pioneer work.

The theme is "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . . Upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Let's take in as many of these sessions as possible, but ladies do not miss out on this Women's Rally and Annual Meeting. Election of Officers also! Pray!!

Favorite Recipe

CHICKEN LOAF — (serves 16)

3 cups Cooked Chicken
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2 cups Pepperidge white bread — cut in cubes (8 slices)
3 cups milk
½ small can sliced pimento
2 tbs. butter
4 eggs — well beaten
1 teasp. salt — pepper
Mix together — bake in 2 qt. greased loaf pan at 350° for 1 hour.

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Nothing Too Hard For The Lord!

by Ruth Hege

Pedro's old mother lay dying of cancer of the face. Her's had been a slow, lingering illness. As the weeks stretched into months the appearance of the pathetically disfigured face made one pray for a quick release.

Her seven children were now all adults and away from home. Only two of them had confessed Christ as Saviour — Pedro, the third son, and Isidora, a younger daughter. From these two the separation would be only for a short time, but what of the other five? They were lost and unless they repented she would be separated from them forever. The dying mother's heart was deeply burdened for them.

She herself had not known the Saviour until her children were grown. Perhaps she had failed in her Christian testimony during the years she had known Christ. She had confessed her failures and God had forgiven her. However, it was now too late to rectify the mistakes made with her children. But God is merciful and it is not His will that any should perish. He could still do a work of grace in their hearts. As she lay there suffering physically and in the depth of her soul longing for the salvation of her children it became clear to her what she must do. The Roman Catholics have the custom of keeping nine nights of wake for the dead — nights often filled with drinking, gambling and carousing. She knew that her son Benjamin, in whose home she was being cared for, would see to it that the customary wake was carried out in honor of his dead mother. Later, when Pedro came to see her she made him understand that she had something to tell him. Pedro leaned closer and strained to hear while his mother spoke slowly and with great difficulty. "Son," she whispered, "promise me — that after my death — instead of the wake you will have nine evenings of evangelistic services here in the home." Solemnly Pedro assured her that he would do all in his power to honor her request. She relaxed, satisfied.

The children all came for the funeral. I shall not soon forget the piercing cry of despair which escaped Felipa as the casket was being carried out of the house: "Goodbye mother! Goodbye forever!" Felipa had come from a distance to spend the last weeks at her mother's bedside. She had witnessed the suffering, the last days of coma, then the final release. She was embittered and crushed with grief. It disturbed and annoyed her to hear the singing of hymns. How could these Evangelicals sing at such a time of sorrow? She could not bear it and did not accompany the body to the cemetery.

True to his promise, Pedro brought his mother's last request to the church. For nine consecutive evenings a group of believers gathered at Benjamin's house. Every evening faithful brethren by turns brought messages from the Word of God, bringing comfort to

the believers and calling upon the unsaved to be reconciled to God. Felipa was one of the first ones to respond to the Gospel invitation. Suddenly all became different. A new hope was born within her and she found herself joining in the singing of hymns of hope and consolation. I was no longer "Goodbye forever" for she knew that she would see her mother again, gloriously transformed in the Lord's presence. Benjamin, who had made life so miserable for Isidora, his saved sister, was the next to confess Christ as Saviour. The two of the common-law wives of the brothers were saved. Thais, Pedro's teenage niece, received Christ and it is a joy to see her spiritual progress. She has since come to live in her Uncle Pedro's house so she can attend high school with her cousin Paul who is in the same grade. Another adult, a friend of the family who had come for the funeral and attended the evening services, declared his faith in Christ. Altogether six souls confessed Christ as Saviour during those nine days. Did Pedro's mother participate in the rejoicing in the presence of the angels over those repentant sinners? We like to think that she did. And will not her prayers for the three remaining sons, still unsaved, be answered? There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

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Glimpses of Truth

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Greek New Testament

by Dr. George Lawlor

HOLDING THE WORD OF LIFE

The passage in Phil. 2:15-16 is a most important admonition, with special relevance and significance for our time. Christians are instructed to conduct themselves in a strict, godly manner as they live in the midst of a corrupt generation, constantly appearing as light-bearers, and "holding forth the word of life." The verb rendered in the KJV "holding forth" is *epecho*, an interesting word appearing only 5 times in the New Testament, although it occurs quite frequently in the early Greek writings. The verb is made up of *epi* (upon), and *echo* (to have, hold), hence: "to have, or hold upon."

The first occurrence of the word in the New Testament is in Luke 14:7, where the Lord is described as speaking a parable to those assembled in the Pharisee's house, "when *He* marked how they close out the chief reclining places. . . ." The words "when *He* marked" are the translation of the verb *epecho*, and the present participle may be rendered "noting." The Lord *was observing* the conduct of the guests, and *was holding His mind upon what they were doing*. The word appears again in Acts 3:5, where it is stated that the lame man "gave heed" to Peter and John, expecting to receive alms from them. The words "gave heed" translate the verb *epecho*, and tell us that the cripple eagerly fastened his mind upon them in obedience to Peter's command. He must hold his thinking hard upon what Peter was about to offer him. Paul uses the word in I Tim. 4:16, in his admonition to Timothy to "take heed into thyself, and unto the doctrine. . . ." Timothy *must put his mind upon himself* (*epeche*), and keep it there. He must fix his thinking upon himself — not selfishly — but as regarding all that he must be constantly and consistently, in his highly responsible position. Likewise, Timothy is *to hold his mind upon the teaching* for which he will be responsible, in the churches. How very important and vitally necessary this imperative is in our day! All true servants of Christ must note this well.

The word also occurs in Acts 19:22, in which verse it is stated that Paul "stayed" in Asia for a time. The meaning is that Paul, after sending Timothy and Erastus to Macedonia, "held on" (*epeschen*) for a time, because a great and effectual door was opened in Ephesus, although there were many adversaries — against whom Paul *held on* until the work was done. The practical significance of this for God's true servants today is clear. *Hold on where you are*, despite the adversaries and opposition, until the Lord has finished His work there. The final use of the verb in the New Testament is in the text mentioned above — Phil. 2:16.

The Classical Use

It is thus interesting to note briefly the predominant sense of the word as it is used in the classical writings and the papyri. Cicero uses the word in describing a man who *holds himself balanced between two opinions*. Plutarch has the same word and renders it "to hold fast." Homer employs the same verb and translates it "aim at, have on, hold." Polybius uses it to mean "keep in, hold back." A papyrus dated A.D. 99 contains the advice of a man to his friend, and he writes: "*Give heed to (epechon) the measurer; don't look askance at him.*" Another papyrus letter dated 2 A.D., concerns the suspension of certain monetary payments, and the writer refers to sums that were "withdrawn from the category of suspended payments because they were collected *before they were suspended*" (*pro tou epischetheinai*), i.e. before they were *held up*. A man writes to another in 112 A.D., concerning the sale of a property and requests that the sale *be stopped* (*epischetheinai*) until a decision has been finally given in the matter. In other words, he desires that the sale of the property be temporarily *held up*. A note in a Flinders Petrie papyrus contains the sentence from a letter in which a lady writes: "*I refrained also (epeschon) from meeting him. . .*" Obviously the sense is that she *held herself back* from meeting the person to whom she refers. That is: she *held her mind upon* her decision to abstain from the meeting.

Returning to the text in Phil. 2:16, there seems to be no doubt as to the correct meaning of the verb here. Contrary to the KJV rendering, and judging from the general use of the word in other sources as

Elyria Church Purchases New Bus



The First Baptist Church of Elyria is happy in the acquisition of a new seventy-two passenger International Harvester bus to be used in the Youth and Sunday School Program.

The church has an outreach of 300 young people in attendance at the Awana Club Program on Wednesday night and an average attendance of 550 in Sunday School.

Mr. Truit reports that the bus complete with air brakes, power steering and a roof top luggage carrier will be a fine asset in the Youth Program. The bus was purchased at a cost of \$10,000.

Pictured left to right are Pastor Woodrow McCaleb; Everett Hefferman, Trustee and Dave Truit, Minister of Youth.

well as the New Testament, we translate: "*Holding to the Word of Life.*" As Paul admonished Timothy *to keep his mind upon* the doctrine, so we today, living in a corrupt and disintegrating world-age, are *to keep our minds upon* this blessed Word of life, and *hold to it tenaciously*. The Word makes alive, it keeps alive, it increases and nourishes the spiritual life, it keeps that life pure and guards it against subtle deception, evil, and untruth. In such a time as this, when there is a deterioration of doctrine, a resultant disintegration of morals, and a degeneration of religion in general, it is imperative that believers *keep their minds fixed upon the Word of life, holding themselves to that Word*. It is the steadfastness of true believers in the faith, their devotion to the truth that is in view here. They will shine brightly as Christ's own light-bearers *only as they keep their minds upon the Word, and hold it fast*.

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would shoo the crocodiles to the other side of the river.

She knew that an Egyptian princess would come there to bathe, so she placed Moses' sister on guard, and when the princess and her maidens rescued little Moses from the river, Miriam was there to tell her of a woman who would nurse the baby.

"Take this child, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages," said the Princess to Moses' mother. And that is what God says to every mother, for children do not belong to mothers alone. They are also God's.

There is power in a mother's teaching and prayer. When a mother prays God is willing to overturn earth and hell to bring about an answer.

The old lesson must be learned anew in America. Millions of homes are destroyed by sin. The home is earth's first, foremost, and fundamental institution. Every institution of civilization, human and divine, depends upon the home's establishment and well-being. Today it is being burglarized by sin. Delinquency, dope and lawlessness send youth to prison and to hell. America's present problem rests basically on the home and parenthood.

Godly Parents Indispensable

Parents, wake up! Do you think in rearing children you are raising only physical beings? Don't you realize these young people have immortal souls dwelling in temporary bodies? Your children need Christ and regeneration. They need godliness, sobriety, nobility, and holiness. Don't make prize cattle of them — make them children of God.

In the crisis hour, when God wanted to deliver His people from bondage, He called Moses to the task and discovered that a godly mother had taught him courage, indignation and self-sacrifice. There is always a man for every crisis, we are told, but crises do not produce giants, they only reveal them. Godly parents usually do the basic preparation.

America must not elect a man in this crisis who is an unstable, undisciplined, characterless individual from a godless home. Let us once again elect an old-time, godly AMERICAN.

II. Like Moses, the Next American President Should Be A Truly Learned Man.

"Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22). Egypt in the day of Moses was a marvel among the nations; the ruins

of its ancient civilization cause even our modern age to gasp in wonder.

Think of the Pyramids—ponderous and mighty; of the ancient magnificent city of Karnak; of Thebes with its Colossi. Think of Luxor, the Valley of the Kings, and the Temple of Rameses II. Our own great civilization must in many respects bow to the glory of that ancient one.

Yet apart from the mental disciplines and his knowledge of Egypt, Moses' learning was of little help to him when he was called of God to deliver his people. Doubtless the most important part of his education was the godly faith his mother taught him while she was his nurse in Pharaoh's palace. He became a giant of faith through whom God revealed the basic truths of His Word.

Unfortunately for America, today's schools are turning out young folk almost completely ignorant of the Christian verities and principles which our fathers knew and adhered to. They had been deeply taught in "the Christian view of history," which placed an omnipotent God both at the beginning and end of all things, including human existence.

If today's leaders were deeply trained in these things, our nation would not be in such a seemingly hopeless mess. Bill Nye, the humorist, used to say, "You can't know too much, young man, but you can know too much that ain't so."

III. Like Moses, the Next President Should Have a Deep Experience with God.

God had laid the suffering of the Jewish people on his heart. He realized that though high in Egyptian power because of his adoption by Pharaoh's daughter, yet he was a Jew of the same blood as the Jewish slaves. Doubtless because of his mother's teaching, he loathed Egypt's paganism, and must have sensed its ultimate destruction, for we read that he made a great renunciation, refusing to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin.

You remember the story of Moses' smiting and killing an Egyptian he found beating a Jewish slave, and being forced by this act to flee from the wrath of the authorities and out into the desert of Sinai he went to be an unhonored and unsung shepherd of a flock of sheep. Moses was there for forty long soul-quieting, disciplining years. Yet through it all there

echoed in his soul the mournful cry of his oppressed people.

Then one drab day Moses saw an unusual sight — a bush that burned with fire but was not consumed. Out of the flaming bush God spoke to Moses: "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Moses saw the power and love of Jehovah God in the burning bush, a God who had not forgotten either Moses or his suffering people in Egypt. "I have seen, I have heard, I know — the cry of the Children of Israel is come unto me," says the Almighty.

Moses is then commissioned to go back into Egypt to deliver God's people. He moved by God's power and God's promise, "Certainly I will be with thee!"

Churches Subversive?

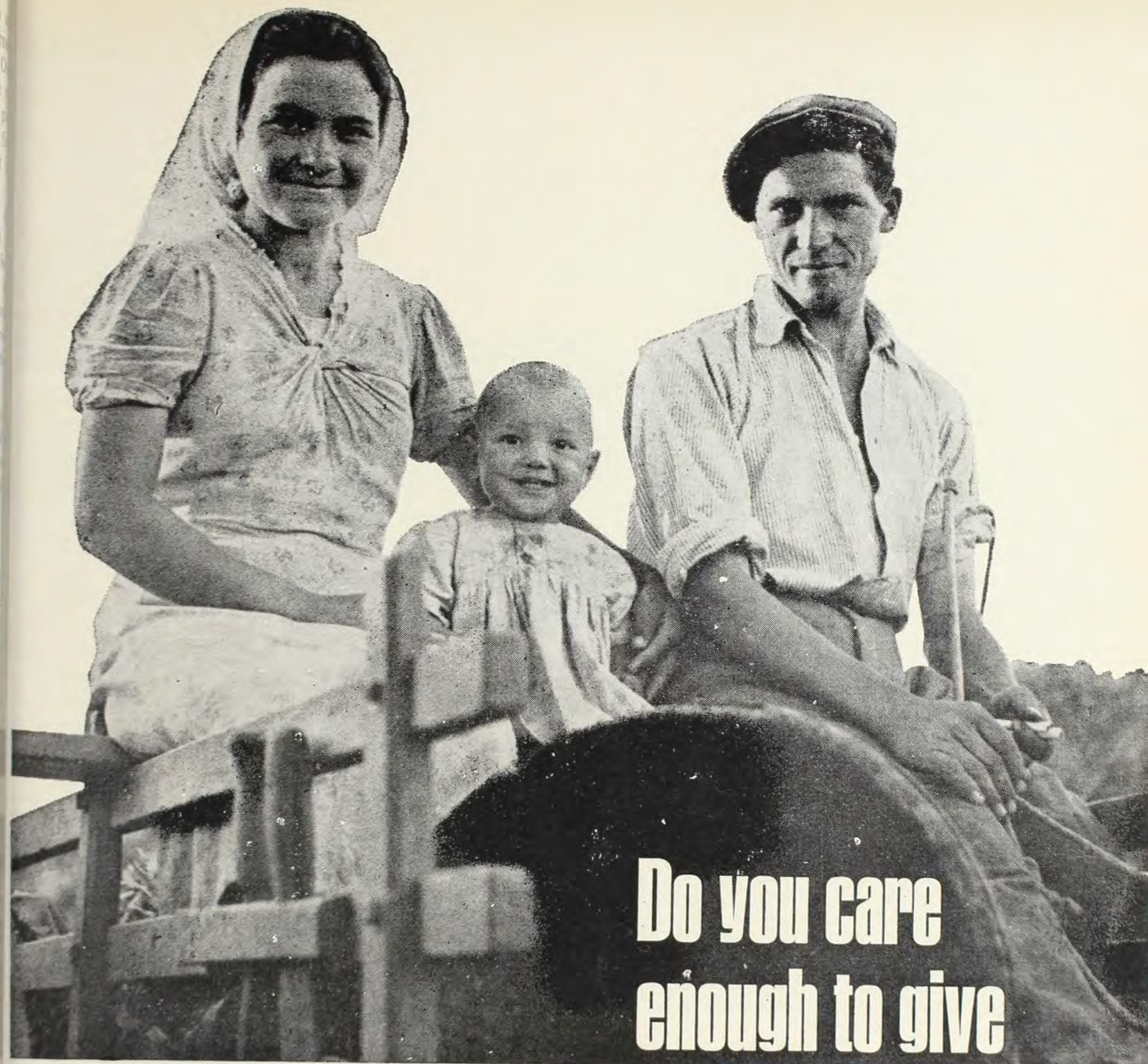
One of the biggest problems of today's world is the poverty of depressed and hunger of millions. America (the taxpayers) has done much to alleviate the situation, but so much corrupt politics has been operative in the expenditure of billions of our hard-earned dollars that millions have been corrupted. Thievery and waste by governmental groups have kept the poor from being helped. Even churches have been taking part in the criminality.

Where will we find a man for President and men for Congress that will dare, like Moses, forsake all and suffer for God's cause as Moses did. The deliverance of the Children of Israel out of Egypt is one of the great miracles of God's working, and Moses was the human instrument. Our beloved America is bound in sin, drunkenness, dope-taking, sexual immorality and political crookedness. God can deliver us, and doubtless will, if He can find a man.

Long ago when Israel was in a condition similar to that of our nation, when the priests were corrupt and the people evil, when the pure religion of Jehovah had been profaned and corrupted, God said through the Prophet Ezekiel (22:30): "I sought for a man among them, who should build up the wall, and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it."

Can God find such a man in America today? Would an increasingly corrupt people elect him if God did raise one up? Who will we have for President?

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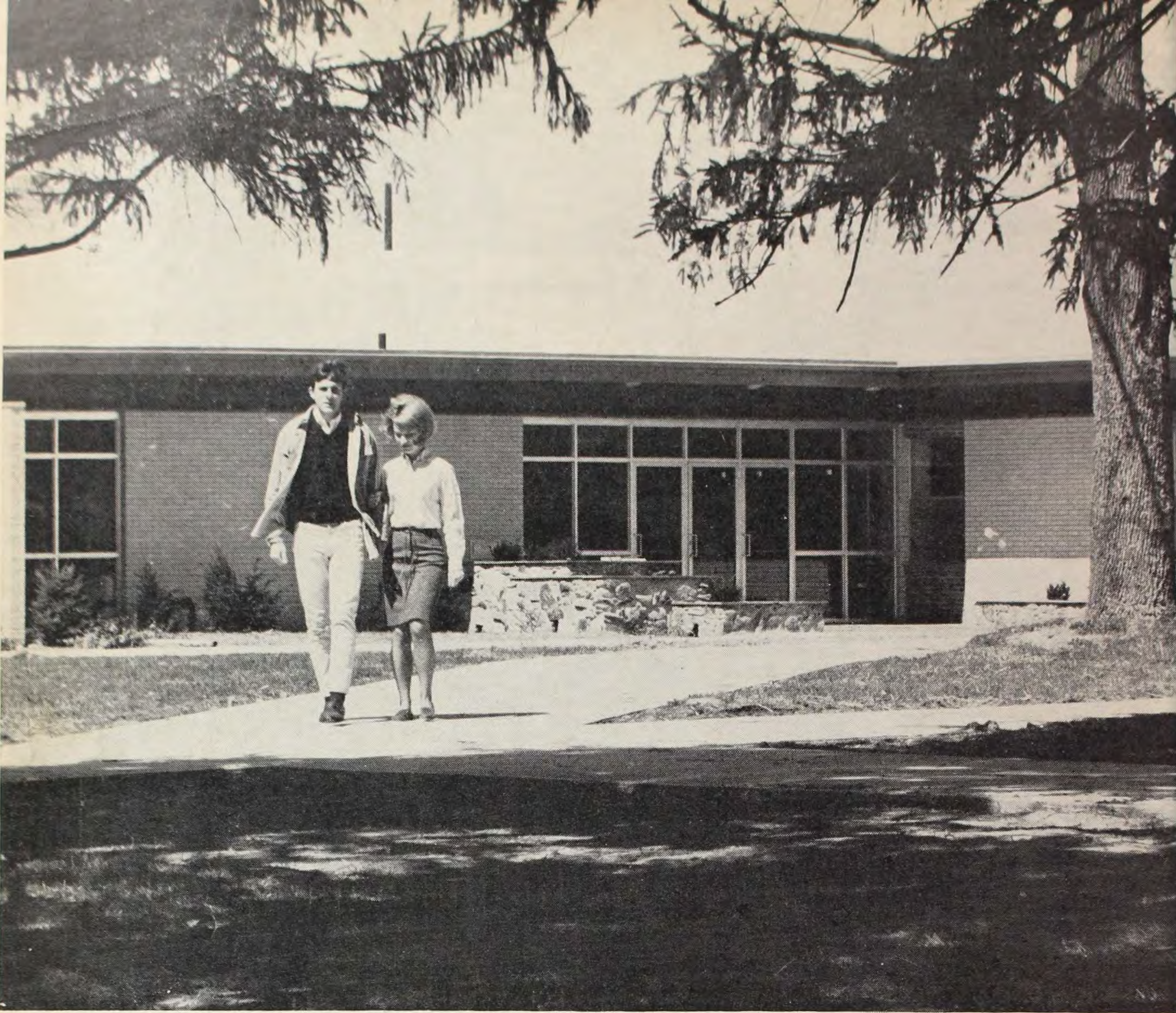
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